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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:
Tor Jan Akerlund**

Serial No.: 10/044,639

Confirmation No.: 9370

Filed: January 10, 2002

For: APPARATUS FOR
POSITIONING A TONG AND
DRILLING RIG PROVIDED
WITH SUCH AN APPARATUS

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Jennifer H. Gay

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one-month set to expire on January 15, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0032.C1/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.